Revision of Scarcity Relief Manual

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to revise and update the scarcity relief manual to tackle effectively the problem of natural calamities like drought, flood, snowfall earthquake, etc;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the procedure and the mechanism adopted to monitor the implementation of steps taken in pursuance to the provisions of the manual?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The Primary responsibility for providing relief in the wake of natural calamities is that of the State Governments. So relief manuals

are formulated to suit the local conditions and implemented by the State Governments. However, Government of India have advised the State Governments to up-date their relief manuals in the light of past experience and changing conditions in the States.

[Translation]

Expansion and Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Rohtas District of Bihar

5136. SHRI CHHEDI P.S. PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated for expansion and modernisation of various telephone exchanges in the Rohtas district of Bihar; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

Details of Planned Expansion/Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Rohtas District of Bihar

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| (i) | Sasaram (DHQ) | 500L MAX.II is planned to be preplaced by 1400 lines C. DOT Exchange during 1991-92. |
| (ii) | Dalmianagar | 400 lines MAX.II exchange is planned to be replaced by 1000 lines C. DOT during 1991-92. |
| (iii) | Bhabhua | 50 lines MAX.III is planned to be replaced by C. DOT 128 Port during 1991-92. |
| (iv) | Banjari | 50 lines MAX.III is planned to be replaced by C. DOT 128 Port during 1991-92. |

(v) Kochas — 25 lines MAX-III) Planned to be replaced by 128-Port C-DOT RAXs